

ALABAMA HUNTER'S FACT SHEET

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HUNT SAFELY AND RETURN HOME!

Hunting in Alabama is a very popular activity that provides an estimated 8.6 million man-days of recreation per year for approximately 391,000 hunters. According to the National Safety Council, hunting is one of the safest outdoor-related activities. A recent National Safety Council study of outdoor recreation-related injuries reports that sports such as football, baseball, soccer and even billiards have a much higher incident rate than hunting.

We encourage you to abide by the ten commandments of firearms safety and the following common sense rules to safe hunting. If you won't do this for yourself, do it for your family!

- Wear a blaze orange cap or vest during gun deer season.
- Use a small flashlight during dim light conditions to identify yourself as a human being.
- **Always** pull your gun or bow up to your treestand with a pull-up rope. Firearms should be unloaded, action open and safety on.
- **Always, always, always** wear a fall restraint device any time you are climbing, sitting or descending from an elevated position.

THE TEN COMMANDMENTS OF FIREARMS SAFETY

1. Control the direction of your muzzle at all times.
2. Treat every firearm as if it were loaded.
3. Be sure of your target and what is beyond.
4. Be sure the barrel and action are clear of obstructions.
5. Unload firearms when not in use.
6. Point a firearm only at something you intend to shoot.
7. Never climb a fence or tree, jump a ditch or log, or enter a vehicle with a loaded firearm.
8. Never shoot a bullet at a flat, hard surface or water. Be sure your backstop is adequate.
9. Store firearms and ammunition separately.
10. Avoid alcoholic beverages or other mood-altering drugs before or while shooting.

DID YOU KNOW THAT YOUR HUNTING AND TARGET SHOOTING PURCHASES HAVE SUPPORTED WILDLIFE CONSERVATION EFFORTS FOR OVER HALF A CENTURY?

- In 1937, Congress established the Wildlife Restoration Program with money received from taxes on the sale of sporting guns and ammunition. In the 1970s, the tax receipts from the sale of handguns and archery equipment were added to the Program fund. As a result, over \$100 million has been generated for wildlife conservation in Alabama.
- The Alabama Division of Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries (WFF) does not receive any general fund tax revenue. Revenue generated through the sale of state hunting licenses and the Wildlife Restoration Program are our primary sources of funding.
- Hunting's direct economic impact to our state economy is approximately \$840 million annually. Hunting directly supports more than 17,500 jobs in Alabama!
- The WFF manages approximately 755,000 acres of land for public hunting thanks to the Wildlife Restoration Program.
- The WFF maintains 11 public shooting ranges and two archery ranges.



HERE'S HOW IT WORKS:

A federal excise tax of 10% or 11% is paid by manufacturers on all sporting firearms, ammunition, handguns or archery equipment. The money is collected by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and every year is provided to states to pay up to 75% of the costs for wildlife restoration, habitat acquisition, hunter education, research and shooting range development. State hunting license fees contribute the remaining 25% of the costs.

